



## **BEARFACTS 1989 – 1999**

### **Wausau-Merrill (BEA-EA) [57176]**

Wausau-Merrill is one of 179 BEA Economic Areas in the nation. Its 1999 population of 517,963 ranked 113th in the nation.

#### **PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME**

In 1999 Wausau-Merrill had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$23,387. This PCPI ranked 86th in the United States and was 84 percent of the national average, \$27,939. The 1999 PCPI reflected an increase of 3.2 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 national change was 3.9 percent. In 1989 the PCPI of Wausau-Merrill was \$14,751 and ranked 119th in the United States. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.2 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 1999 Wausau-Merrill had a total personal income (TPI) of \$12,113,820\*. This TPI ranked 108th in the United States. In 1989 the TPI of Wausau-Merrill was \$7,127,711\* and ranked 111th in the United States. The 1999 TPI reflected an increase of 3.6 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 national change was 5.1 percent. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.5 percent.

#### **COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Wausau-Merrill. In 1999 net earnings accounted for 64.8 percent of TPI (compared with 63.7 in 1989); dividends, interest, and rent were 19.5 percent (compared with 20.1 in 1989); and personal current transfer receipts were 15.6 percent (compared with 16.1 in 1989). From 1998 to 1999 net earnings increased 5.4 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 2.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 3.9 percent. From 1989 to 1999 net earnings increased on average 5.6 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 5.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.1 percent.

#### **EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK**

Earnings of persons employed in Wausau-Merrill increased from \$8,417,102\* in 1998 to \$8,867,148\* in 1999, an increase of 5.3 percent. The 1998-1999 national change was 6.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1989 estimate of \$5,119,692\* to the 1999 estimate was 5.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.6 percent.

*\*Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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